

Committee, I know all too well that the beauty of our national parks and public lands are an important part of our national heritage. As Members of Congress, we fight for every dollar that we can get to preserve and protect those public lands in our districts. In the same respect, we cannot afford to not fund the arts. Our nation is just as defined by its lands as by its melting pot of different cultures and ideas put to canvas, carved from stone, or seen on film. Instead, Congress is trying to shift America's cultural foundation to popular political tastes. As representatives of the people, we should take no part in stifling and sterilizing the creative development of our nation. Congress should encourage it—Not thwart such expression.

As we debate the multitude of riders tacked onto this conference report, we cannot forget the overall story this bill tells. This story is about the Republican Majority attempting to dictate important policy decisions through the appropriations process. The line that divides the authorizers from the appropriations is becoming transparent. The Committee process is becoming something of a joke. When a Member has a controversial issue to discuss, he or she does not bring it before the House. He or she sneaks it into a spending bill where it receives little or no Congressional scrutiny. Nothing is gained by this process. It allows the feelings of mistrust and abuse to fester, and forces Members to vote against important legislation. This is not the land of special interests and payoffs. It is the land of every American citizen. As such, I urge my colleagues to vote no on this legislation and work to report a new, clean bill to the President.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 225, nays 200, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 528]

YEAS—225

Aderholt	Burton	Ehlers
Archer	Buyer	Ehrlich
Armey	Callahan	Emerson
Bachus	Calvert	English
Baker	Canady	Everett
Ballenger	Cannon	Ewing
Barrett (NE)	Chambliss	Fletcher
Bartlett	Chenoweth-Hage	Foley
Barton	Coble	Fossella
Bass	Collins	Fowler
Bateman	Combest	Frelinghuysen
Bentsen	Cook	Galleghy
Bereuter	Cooksey	Ganske
Berkley	Cox	Gekas
Biggert	Crane	Gibbons
Billirakis	Cubin	Gilchrest
Bishop	Cunningham	Gillmor
Bliley	Davis (VA)	Goode
Blunt	Deal	Goodlatte
Boehlert	DeLay	Goodling
Boehner	DeMint	Goss
Bonilla	Diaz-Balart	Graham
Bono	Dickey	Granger
Boucher	Doolittle	Green (WI)
Brady (TX)	Dreier	Greenwood
Bryant	Duncan	Gutknecht
Burr	Dunn	Hall (TX)

Hansen	McKeon	Shadegg
Hastings (WA)	McKalf	Shaw
Hayes	Mica	Sherwood
Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Shimkus
Hefley	Miller, Gary	Shows
Herger	Mollohan	Shuster
Hill (IN)	Moran (KS)	Simpson
Hill (MT)	Morella	Sisisky
Hilleary	Murtha	Skeen
Hobson	Myrick	Smith (MI)
Hoekstra	Nethercutt	Smith (TX)
Hyde	Ney	Souder
Isakson	Oxley	Spence
Istook	Packard	Stearns
Jenkins	Pease	Stenholm
John	Peterson (PA)	Strickland
Johnson, Sam	Petri	Stump
Kaptur	Pickering	Sununu
Kasich	Pickett	Sweeney
King (NY)	Pitts	Talent
Kingston	Pombo	Tancredo
Knollenberg	Porter	Tanner
Kolbe	Portman	Tauzin
Kuykendall	Pryce (OH)	Taylor (MS)
LaHood	Quinn	Taylor (NC)
Lampson	Radanovich	Terry
Largent	Rahall	Thomas
Latham	Regula	Thornberry
LaTourette	Reynolds	Thune
Leach	Riley	Tiahrt
Lewis (CA)	Rogan	Trafigant
Lewis (KY)	Rogers	Turner
Linder	Rohrabacher	Upton
LoBiondo	Ros-Lehtinen	Vitter
Lucas (KY)	Roukema	Walden
Lucas (OK)	Royce	Walsh
Manzullo	Ryun (KS)	Wamp
Mascara	Salmon	Watkins
McCollum	Sandlin	Watts (OK)
McCrery	Saxton	Weldon (FL)
McHugh	Schaffer	Weldon (PA)
McInnis	Sensenbrenner	Weller
McIntosh	Sessions	Whitfield

NAYS—200

Abercrombie	Deutsch	Kind (WI)
Ackerman	Dicks	Klecza
Allen	Dingell	Klink
Andrews	Dixon	Kucinich
Baird	Doggett	LaFalce
Baldacci	Dooley	Lantos
Baldwin	Doyle	Larson
Barcia	Edwards	Lazio
Barr	Engel	Lee
Barrett (WI)	Eshoo	Levin
Becerra	Etheridge	Lewis (GA)
Berman	Evans	Lipinski
Berry	Farr	Lofgren
Bilbray	Fattah	Lowey
Blagojevich	Filner	Luther
Blumenauer	Forbes	Maloney (CT)
Bonior	Ford	Maloney (NY)
Borski	Frank (MA)	Markey
Boswell	Franks (NJ)	Martinez
Boyd	Frost	Matsui
Brady (PA)	Gejdenson	McDermott
Brown (FL)	Gephardt	McGovern
Brown (OH)	Gilman	McIntyre
Campbell	Gonzalez	McKinney
Capps	Gordon	McNulty
Capuano	Green (TX)	Meehan
Cardin	Gutierrez	Meek (FL)
Carson	Hall (OH)	Meeks (NY)
Castle	Hastings (FL)	Menendez
Chabot	Hilliard	Millender
Clay	Hinchey	McDonald
Clayton	Hinojosa	Miller, George
Clement	Hoeffel	Minge
Clyburn	Holden	Mink
Coburn	Holt	Moakley
Condit	Hooley	Moore
Conyers	Hostettler	Moran (VA)
Costello	Hoyer	Nadler
Coyne	Inslee	Napolitano
Cramer	Jackson (IL)	Neal
Crowley	Johnson (CT)	Oberstar
Cummings	Johnson, E. B.	Obey
Danner	Jones (NC)	Olver
Davis (FL)	Jones (OH)	Owens
Davis (IL)	Kanjorski	Pallone
DeFazio	Kelly	Pascarell
DeGette	Kennedy	Pastor
Delahunt	Kildee	Paul
DeLauro	Kilpatrick	Payne

Pelosi	Sanford	Thompson (MS)
Peterson (MN)	Sawyer	Thurman
Phelps	Schakowsky	Tierney
Pomeroy	Scott	Toomey
Price (NC)	Serrano	Towns
Ramstad	Shays	Udall (CO)
Rangel	Sherman	Udall (NM)
Reyes	Skelton	Velazquez
Rivers	Slaughter	Visclosky
Rodriguez	Smith (NJ)	Waters
Roemer	Smith (WA)	Watt (NC)
Rothman	Snyder	Waxman
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Weiner
Rush	Stabenow	Wexler
Ryan (WI)	Stark	Weygand
Sabo	Stupak	Woolsey
Sanchez	Tauscher	Wu
Sanders	Thompson (CA)	Wynn

NOT VOTING—8

Camp	Jefferson	Scarborough
Jackson-Lee	McCarthy (MO)	Vento
(TX)	McCarthy (NY)	Young (FL)

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Mr. KILDEE and Mr. GREEN of Texas changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. NUSSLE, SESSIONS, SANDLIN, and LAMPSON changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1598

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the name of the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON) be removed as cosponsor of H.R. 1598.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2260, PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT OF 1999

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-409) on the resolution (H. Res. 339) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2260) to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL ACT (STRAIGHT A's ACT)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 338 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 338

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the